EQUUS

the suspect
is in his early twenties.
a marine.
perversely sensitive g.i. joe doll
factory-boxed. battery-operated.
remote-controlled.
    given guns
bombs tear gas.
an indiscreet license to kill anything
which threatens the state.
trained to live for this country,
these soldiers who stiffen
at the sound of a man's command.
these macho boys
clean-cut disciplined machines
hurl bricks and tear gas
into public gatherings of civilian men.
what do they fear?
if the men hold hands and dance
the world will not end.
if they love and part with the seasons
are they communists?
anarchists perhaps?
leftist urban guerrillas?
sexual terrorists?
do you fear their lovers
will snap their minds
and they'll go off killing

little boys in revenge?
just what is it g.i. joe?
is this the retaliation
of scorned love?